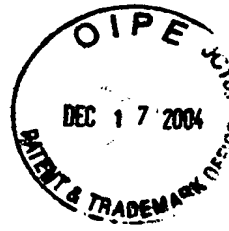


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Application No.: 09/938,446

Filed: August 24, 2001

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM  
COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF  
OPERATION TERMINAL DEVICES AND  
AN INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE

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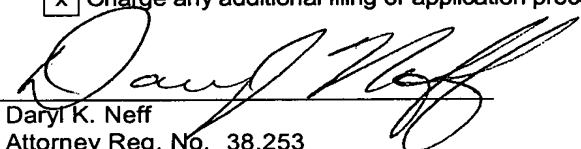
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In response to the Office Action dated  
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amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:



AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				After Final Rejection	
Application No. 09/938,446		Filing Date August 24, 2001		Examiner C. B. Coburn	
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Applicant(s): Makoto Tanaka, Toru Akazawa, and Rajesh Kumar Dixit				Docket No. SCEI 3.0-082	
Invention: INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM COMPRISING A PLURALITY OF OPERATION TERMINALDEVICES AND AN INFORMATION PROCESSING DEVICE					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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